

Taking Root: Montana Farm School Conference

Breakout Sessions

Breakout session I: Participants choose to attend 1 of 5 sessions 9:30-10:30

Gaines 243 Farm to School 101– Making Local Food Procurement an Affordable Success
Cafeteria – Foodservice topic for preschool-12th grades

Content Description: Local and affordable menu planning and purchasing tips will be discussed along with making connections to Montana producers, farmers and food companies or cooperatives.

Presenters: Katie Bark, MSU-MT Team Nutrition; Angie DeYoung, Montana Department of Agriculture; and Robin Vogler, Somers/Lakeside Schools

SUB 233 Fun with Food from the Garden: Inspiring Kids to Eat Fruits and Vegetables
Preschool - Nutrition education

Content Description: This session will focus on fun and age-appropriate educational activities and menu planning ideas for preschool children centered on a school garden.

Presenter: Theresa Walker, Early Childhood Home Provider/Educator, Bozeman

Gaines 043 Garden-Based Student Learning Opportunities Across the Curriculum
Elementary – Nutrition education

Content Description: Educators discuss how to teach kids to expand food choices and eat healthfully while meeting science and math educational standards in elementary classrooms.

Presenters: Christina Gillespie and Todd Wester, Livingston Public Schools

SUB 235 Agriculture Education and Improving Access to Locally Grown Foods via FFA
High School – Agriculture education

Content Description: A panel of Montana agriculture educators and advisors to Future Farmers of America (FFA) will describe how their programs can help supply fresh foods to foodservice programs while teaching students the valuable skills of growing their own food.

Presenters: Brad King, Office of Public Instruction; Patti Armbrister, Hinsdale; Travis Isaacs, Malta; Jodi Koterbra, Great Falls; and Reese McAlpin, Ronan

Gaines 143 Starting and Maintaining a School Garden Inside or Outside the Classroom
Community -Gardening Basics

Content Description: Learn feasible and realistic ways to create and sustain a school garden. Review of the variety of options available for school gardens from simple containers, a curriculum kit, to engaging community partners to create a school garden plot.

Presenter: Jason Mandala, Garden City Harvest, Missoula

Breakout session II: Participants choose to attend 1 of 5 sessions 10:45-11:45

Gaines 243 Food Safety Best Practices for Local Food Procurement and Garden Produce
Cafeteria

Content Description: Food safety practices for purchasing local foods from farmers or ranchers or serving foods from school gardens in the school nutrition program.

Presenters: Sean Hill, Gallatin County Health Department; and Molly Stenberg, MSU-MT Team Nutrition

SUB - South Greenhouse on Wheels – Bozone Ozone Bus (B.O.B.)
Entrance *Nutrition Education and Community Connections*

Content Description: A community-school garden project that engages students in the development and process of development, instruction and growing!

Presenter: Greg Owens, Bozeman Youth Initiative

Gaines 143 Growing New Leaders
Community, Nutrition Education, and Cafeteria

Content Description: Montana FoodCorps is a team of full-time year-round AmeriCorps members who build and tend school gardens, conduct hands-on nutrition education, and help school cafeterias serve healthy, locally-grown foods. While growing healthy, local food is a primary goal, this program also aims to grow new leaders who will ensure the projects continue long after the term of service ends. This presentation and discussion will explore key opportunities--and obstacles--for engaging everyone from high school students to school board members to administrators to local farmers. Let's grow, together!

Presenter: Crissie McMullan, Montana FoodCorps, National Center for Appropriate Technology, Missoula

SUB 233 Cultivating Community Partnerships
Community and Nutrition Education

Content Description: Working with community partners can enhance education opportunities and help make farm to school initiatives more sustainable. Presenters will share ideas for hosting your own farm fair or offering field trips to building strong relationships with farmers, ranchers and community partners.

Presenters: Duane Burkenpas, Belgrade; and Alyssa Charney, MT FoodCorps, Red Lodge

SUB 235 How to Fund Farm to School Programs
Community

Content Description: Creative and successful strategies for raising funds to support farm to school programs

Presenter: Aubree Durfey, MSU-MT Team Nutrition Program, Gallatin Valley Farm to School, and National Farm to School Network